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## MEMORANDUM

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Subj: COAST GUARD GENERAL AND SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL GUIDE

Ref: (a) Manual for Courts-Martial United States  
(b) Military Judges' Benchbook, DA PAM 27-9  
(c) Military Justice Manual, COMDTINST M5810.1E

1. The enclosed Trial Guide is provided for use in Coast Guard General and Special Courts-Martial. Its use will help meet the many legal and procedural requirements that facilitate a fair and just court-martial. Trial participants, however, must be prepared to modify or customize the Trial Guide to meet the particular requirements of each individual trial.
2. In addition to various updates, this edition promulgates a new section for use when conducting Article 39(a) sessions via VTC.
3. Trial participants using this guide should also have access to references (a)-(c). The Coast Guard Trial Guide works in conjunction with, and contains cross-references to, references (a) and (b). It is also designed to work with the forms and sample documents contained in reference (c) such as the model Pre-trial Agreement.
4. Printed copies of the Coast Guard Trial Guide will not be distributed. Electronic copies are available at [www.uscg.mil/legal](http://www.uscg.mil/legal) ->Criminal Military Justice -> Coast Guard Trial Guide.
5. Change recommendations are welcome any time.

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Enclosures: (1) Coast Guard Trial Guide

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